

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 remain in the applications with claims 4, 7, 8, and 9 and 10 amended to improve form and overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-3 and 12 are allowed.

Claims 4-11 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, the Examiner noting specific objections in the claims as filed.

This rejection is respectfully traversed with respect to claims 4-11 as presently amended to correct the objection noted by the Examiner and correct other errors in the form found in the claims. The Examiner's careful review of the claims and noted objections and suggestions are appreciated.

A copy of the Information Disclosure Statement mailed on August 16, 2004 is again submitted to make the art of record.

Since claims 1-3 and 12 have been allowed and since claims 4-11 as amended are now in compliance with 35 USC 112, second paragraph, all as noted above, it is requested that claims 4-11 be allowed along with claims 1-3 and 12 and the case be advanced to issue.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments concerning this Amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney is requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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